

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A content distribution notification method of informing a third party by a first party that a content distribution will be performed based on a reservation by a first party distributor terminal apparatus said a reservation for use of a distribution server, via a reservation control apparatus for controlling a reservation status of said distribution server, via a first network, and for performing a content live distribution using said distribution server based on the reservation, in order to perform the content live distribution using said distribution server for distributing content by streaming via said network to said client terminal apparatus, said content distribution notification method comprising:

a reservation requesting-receiving step of sending receiving reservation request information including a desired service time to use said distribution server and third party contact address who should be informed that the content distribution will be performed, from said first party distributor terminal apparatus to said reservation control apparatus via a network; and

setting a reservation based on said reservation request information;  
a subsequent notifying step of sending notification information based on said reservation request information and for notifying to notify the third party that the content distribution will be performed, from said reservation control apparatus to the third party contact address via the network when the content distribution using said distribution server in said desired service time included in said reservation request information is permitted; and  
streaming the content distribution from a live distribution source to the third party based on said reservation request information.

Claim 2 (Original): The content distribution notification method according to Claim 1, wherein

    said notification information includes access information for connection said distribution server.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The content distribution notification method according to Claim 1, wherein:

said reservation requesting step is to send reservation request information including step of sending notification information includes sending authentication information for the third party to acquire a permission to access said distribution server; and

said notification information includes said authentication information.

Claim 4 (Previously Presented): The content distribution notification method according to Claim 1, further comprising

    a cancellation notification step of sending cancellation notification information to notify the third party that the reservation is canceled by said first party, from said reservation control apparatus to the third party contact address via a network, when information of canceling the reservation is sent from said first party distributor terminal apparatus to said reservation control apparatus via the network.

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): The content distribution notification method according to Claim 1, further comprising

    a change notification step of sending change notification information to notify the third party that the reservation contents are changed by said first party, from said reservation control apparatus to the third party contact address via the network, when information of

changing the reservation contents is sent from said first party distributor terminal apparatus to said reservation control apparatus via the network.

Claim 6 (Previously Presented): The content distribution notification method according to Claim 1, further comprising

a permission notification step of sending, when content distribution using said distribution server in said desired service time included in said reservation request information is permitted, reservation permission notification information to notify the first party that the content distribution is permitted and that it is necessary for said first party to carry out a procedure for reconfirming the reservation via the network by a predetermined time before said desired service time to establish this reservation, from said reservation control apparatus to said first party distributor terminal apparatus via the network, and wherein

said notification step sends said notification information upon said distributor terminal apparatus performing said reservation reconfirmation procedure.

Claim 7 (Previously Presented): The content distribution notification method according to Claim 1, further comprising

a permission notification step of sending, when content distribution using said distribution server in said desired service time included in said reservation request information is permitted, reservation permission notification information to notify the first party that the content distribution is permitted and that it is necessary for the first party to carry out a procedure for reconfirming the reservation via the network by a predetermined time before said desired service time to establish this reservation from said reservation

control apparatus to said first party distributor terminal apparatus via the network, and  
wherein

    said notification step sends said notification information upon said permission  
    notification information being sent and further to send said notification information upon said  
    first party distributor terminal apparatus performing said reservation reconfirmation  
    procedure.

Claim 8 (Previously Presented): The content distribution notification method  
according to Claim 1, wherein:

    the third party contact address is an e-mail address; and  
    said notification step is to send said notification information to the third party contact  
    address via an e-mail.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): A reservation control apparatus for controlling  
reservations of content live distribution by a first party to a third party using a distribution  
server that performs stream distribution of content to a third party terminal apparatus via a  
network, said reservation control apparatus comprising:

    receiving means for receiving reservation request information including a desired  
    service time to use said distribution server and a third party contact address who should be  
    informed that the content distribution will be performed, from a first party distributor  
    terminal apparatus requesting to perform content live distribution via a network; and  
    means for setting a reservation based on said reservation request information; and  
    notification means for subsequently sending notification information based on said  
    reservation request information and to notify said third party that the content distribution will  
    be performed, from said reservation control apparatus to the third party contact address via

the network, when content distribution using said distribution server in said desired service time included in said reservation request information is permitted; and

means for streaming the content distribution from a live distribution source to the third party based on said reservation request information.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): The reservation control apparatus according to Claim 9, wherein

    said notification means ~~sends~~includes means for sending said notification information including access information for connection to said distribution server.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): The reservation control apparatus according to Claim 9, wherein

    said receiving means ~~receives~~includes means for receiving reservation request information including authentication information for the third party to acquire a permission to access said distribution server; and

    said notification means ~~sends~~includes means for sending said notification information including said authentication information.

Claim 12 (Previously Presented): The reservation control apparatus according to Claim 9, wherein said receiving means further comprises

    cancellation notification means for sending cancellation notification information to notify the third party that the reservation is canceled by said first party, from said reservation control apparatus to said third party contact address via the network, when receiving information of canceling the reservation sent from said first party distributor terminal apparatus via the network.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented): The reservation control apparatus according to Claim 9, wherein said receiving means further comprises change notification means for sending change notification information to notify the third party that the reservation is changed by said first party, from said reservation control apparatus to the third party contact address via the network, when receiving information of changing the reservation contents sent from said first party distributor terminal apparatus via the network.

Claim 14 (Previously Presented): The reservation control apparatus according to Claim 9, further comprising a permission notification means for sending, when content distribution using said distribution server in said desired service time included in said reservation request information is permitted, reservation permission notification information to notify the first party that the content distribution is permitted and that it is necessary for the first party to carry out a procedure for reconfirming the reservation via the network by a predetermined time before said desired service time to establish this reservation, to said distributor terminal apparatus via the network, and wherein said notification means sends said notification information upon said first party distributor terminal apparatus performing said reservation reconfirmation procedure.

Claim 15 (Previously Presented): The reservation control apparatus according to Claim 9, further comprising permission notification means for sending, when content distribution using said distribution server in said desired service time included in said reservation request

information is permitted, reservation permission notification information to notify the first party that the content distribution is permitted and that it is necessary for the first party to carry out a procedure for reconfirming the reservation via the network by a predetermined time before said desired service time to establish this reservation, to said distributor terminal apparatus via the network, and wherein

    said notification means sends said notification information upon said permission notification information being sent and further sends said notification information upon said distributor terminal apparatus performing said reservation reconfirmation procedure.

Claim 16 (Previously Presented): The reservation control apparatus according to Claim 9, wherein:

    the third party contact address user is an e-mail address; and  
    said notification means sends said notification information to the third party contact address via an e-mail.

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): A program storage medium storing a program to be executed by a reservation control apparatus that controls reservations of a first party for contents live distribution to a third party using a distribution server that performs stream distribution of content to a third party client terminal apparatus via a network, said program comprising:

    reception processing of receiving reservation request information from said first party including a desired service time to user said distribution server and third party contact address who should be informed that the content distribution will be performed, sent via a network from a first party distributor terminal apparatus; and

processing for setting a reservation based on said reservation request information; and

notification processing of subsequently sending notification information based on said reservation request information to notify said third party that the content distribution will be performed, from said reservation control apparatus to the third party contact address via the network, when the content distribution using said distribution server in said desired service time included in said reservation request information is permitted; and

streaming the content distribution from a live distribution source to the third party based on said reservation request information.